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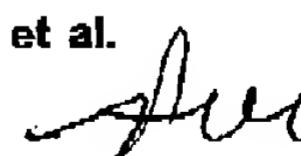
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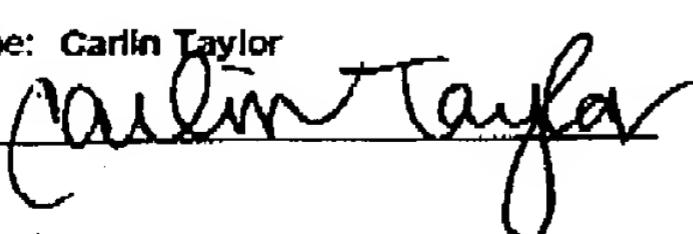
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AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. §1.312

20 In response to the "Examiner's Amendment" included with the Notice Of Allowance and dated December 9, 2003, Applicant requests grammatical changes be made to claims 1, 2, and 32 of the application before issuance. Applicant believes that these changes are consistent with the agreement reached during the telephone interview of 11/26/03. Applicant further believes that these 25 changes represent grammatical changes which do not alter the scope of the claims or the intent of the agreement reached by the Applicant and the Examiner during the 11/26/03 telephone interview.